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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Robert M. Slater, DOB 4/6/73, of Fenton, Missouri, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to 72 months in federal prison for being a felon in possession of a firearm. Slater pleaded guilty to this charge on April 14, 2006.

On November 2, 2005, an off-duty Polk County Sheriff's deputy was hunting in the Bow Falls Township when bullets ricocheted through the woods, close to her tree stand. Upon investigation the deputy observed Slater with a firearm in his hand. After identifying herself as a law enforcement officer, Slater dropped the firearm and fled the scene. Slater was later arrested. A criminal history check revealed that Slater was a convicted felon and on parole.

The charges against Slater were the result of an investigation conducted by the Polk County Sheriff's Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney David J. Reinhard.

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